



**PAUL K. ARTHUR**  
**REAR ADMIRAL**  
**U.S. NAVAL RESERVE, RETIRED**

Rear Admiral Paul K. Arthur, Retired, is the Deputy to the Commander, White Sands Test Center at White Sands Missile Range.

Admiral Arthur was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on 14 January 1931. He graduated from Lafayette, Ohio, High School in 1948, and attended Ohio Northern University and Taylor University before enlisting in the Navy in July 1949. After boot camp, he was in the deck force of the USS OGLETHORPE (AKA-100) and then reported to electronic technicians' school at Treasure Island Naval Station. Following ET school, he was ship's company in USS LEARY (DDR-879) and later in USS BRAINE (DD-630) as a Petty Officer in the electronic technician rating. He was discharged from the Navy in November 1953 at the conclusion of the Korean War.

Admiral Arthur continued Naval service by enlisting in the Naval Reserve in May 1954. He advanced to Petty Officer First Class and was awaiting date of rank for promotion to Chief Petty

Officer when he received a commission as Lieutenant (junior grade) in the Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) specialty in May 1962. His assignments included commanding five Naval Reserve Units located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Galveston, Texas, Albuquerque, New Mexico (2 units), and Dallas, Texas. Other positions included Inspector General in Albuquerque and Readiness Command Staff EDO in Dallas. His last reserve position was the Director of Reserve Programs for Naval Sea Systems Command and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. The Admiral's mobilization assignment was Department of Defense Coordinator of Ship Conversion and Repair, and he was the Senior EDO in the Naval Reserve. He retired in November 1987 after 38 years of service.

Admiral Arthur received a BSEE from Purdue University in June 1956 and completed 51-semester hours graduate work in electronics engineering and operations research at New Mexico State University. In his civilian career, he has been employed by the Department of the Army at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico, since November 1956. He started as an Electronics Engineer in the Missile Flight Safety Office, eventually becoming the Chief of Field Engineering and serving as Flight Safety Officer. He transferred to Army Materiel Test and Evaluation Directorate in 1962 and through the years held the positions of Redstone Missile Project Engineer, Pershing Project Engineer, Chief, High Altitude Air Defense Projects Branch, Chief, Air Defense Test Division, Deputy Director, and Director of the Materiel Test Directorate. In October 1998, he was appointed Deputy to the Commander of the White Sands Test Center with oversight responsibilities for the WSMR test mission and the six directorates within the Test Center. He has completed 30 Army and Civil Service courses in weapon systems, technical subjects, and management, and eight Navy schools. He attended the Army War College in the Senior Reserve Officer Component course.

The Admiral is a member and officer of various technical and defense related societies, and a Las Cruces Church. He holds a brown belt in Karate and enjoys wilderness backpacking, gardening, and is an avid runner.

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